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BID TO FORM \$2m. SUPER TEAM

—By Keith Gilmour—

Secret moves are being made towards the establishment of a \$2,000,000 Cosmos-like Sydney super-club operation within two years.

The plan calls for a \$2,000,000 investment in players almost up to the Franz Beckenbauer level. A preliminary survey has

located businessmen who would each be prepared to invest \$100,000 in the club.

Twenty such businessmen or corporations would put the club - and soccer - on its feet.

Commenting on the scheme, Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George said that it should be feasible.

"Sydney City, Sydney Olympic and others might consider joining into a major unit as the idea advances and I feel sure that the general public would respond," he said.

The principle would be to launch a flagship which would send other clubs of potential scurrying to build their playing standards and facilities.

Soccer-wise, Sydney has a big element of potential fans who are sophisticated in their soccer knowledge. They will not respond to less than they knew in Europe and Britain.

And the huge reservoir of parents and juniors must have standards of play that become a talking point everywhere, with top TV cover along with Rugby League and the best of facilities.

It is believed that an adequate offer by the proposed club for Rudi Gutendorf to handle the team would be welcomed after he finishes his World Cup contract with the ASF.

To shake any notion that the Sydney move is fanciful, look at the developing situation in Parramatta.

After Premier Neville Wran announced that the new 75,000 capacity stadium would be built immediately at Homebush Bay, people wondered if Parramatta Leagues Club would go ahead with their super stadium to replace Cumberland Oval.

This week NSW Planning and Environment Minister Landa is certain to clear Parramatta to move immediately and they will do so.

Apart from its rugby league implications, this will put Parramatta in the Phillips League by 1981/2, with a 35,000 seat stadium providing the code with a huge, internationally-recognised club.

Who will say that the sponsors of the \$2 million soccer club do not aim to arrange their home fixtures at Homebush?

Newcastle have proved their point, and are after a big licensed club of their own to improve finances and then the playing strength.

Wollongong, with up to 12,000 fans in the Jim Kelly era, is on the way back.

Within two years Sydney stands to have big clubs of internationally-recognised standards, because these moves simply must come off.



APIA midfielder Terry Butler soars through the air to execute this header in last weekend's match.



One of the many virtuoso performances of APIA goalie Greg Woodhouse last Sunday against St. George.

DERBY IN ADELAIDE

— From Allan Crisp —

West Adelaide and Adelaide City are both gearing up for their local derby clash at the Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

The arch protagonists met in a Phillips League title decider in the last game of the 1978 season which drew a crowd of 16,500 to Hindmarsh Stadium.

This game will have less impact with both West and City out of the championship race, but City still has an outside chance of making the top four.

City is battling to get Scots, Dixie Deans and Jimbo Muir fit to play, while West is hoping that big David Pillans will be ready for a comeback.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

| | AGGREGATE | | | | | | | | | | HOME | | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | | |
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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | BP | TP | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | |
| 1 (1) MARCONI..... | 24 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 54 | 29 | 34 | 4 | 38 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 23 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 13 | 18 | |
| 2 (2) SYDNEY CITY..... | 24 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 44 | 26 | 31 | 1 | 32 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 19 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 7 | 18 | |
| 3 (4) HEIDELBERG..... | 24 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 38 | 27 | 31 | 1 | 32 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 10 | 18 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 17 | 13 | |
| 4 (3) BRISBANE CITY..... | 24 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 36 | 26 | 31 | 1 | 32 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 15 | |
| 5 (5) ADELAIDE CITY..... | 24 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 40 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 29 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 13 | 17 | |
| 6 (6) NEWCASTLE..... | 24 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 40 | 29 | 28 | 1 | 29 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 16 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 12 | |
| 7 (7) WEST ADELAIDE..... | 24 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 28 | 28 | 24 | 1 | 25 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 10 | |
| 8 (8) APIA..... | 24 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 26 | 31 | 23 | — | 23 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 11 | |
| 9 (9) CANBERRA..... | 24 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 24 | 35 | 20 | — | 20 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 20 | 8 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 12 | |
| 10(11) BRISBANE LIONS.... | 24 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 25 | 38 | 20 | — | 20 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 24 | 9 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 11 | |
| 11(10) OLYMPIC..... | 24 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 23 | 27 | 19 | — | 19 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 13 | 12 | |
| 12(12) FOOTSCRAY..... | 24 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 24 | 39 | 17 | — | 17 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 19 | 9 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 8 | |
| 13(13) ST.GEORGE..... | 24 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 25 | 42 | 17 | — | 17 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 20 | 9 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 22 | 8 | |
| 14(14) STH.MELBOURNE... | 24 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 21 | 43 | 13 | — | 13 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 18 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 25 | 5 | |

BP: Bonus points for wins by 4 goals or more.
TP: Total points.

DIPLOMATS TO LIVEN UP CANBERRA

—By Peter Kunz—

A new Canberra soccer club, the Canberra Diplomats, was launched last week at the Italo-Australian club.

The club is the result of joining forces by Inter Monaro and Juventus.

The Canberra Diplomats will be co-sponsored by the social clubs of the two merging partners and thus seem to be a very viable financial proposition.

It also looks capable of attracting outside sponsorship from business houses.

Although of Italian background, the Diplomats have pledged to be open to all sections of the community.

Officials are aware that Canberra is too cosmopolitan and middle-class to support a fully ethnic soccer team in the PSL.

In their application for membership, the Diplomats have said that a second Canberra club would further boost the growth of the game in the ACT and its region.

Said a spokesman for the club:

"We want to complement Canberra City while also providing healthy local opposition."

The Diplomats will not be without able administrators. Directors Hal Leslie, Gerald Martes, Joseph Fusca and Lorenzo Pastrello have wide experience in Canberra soccer circles.

John Barclay, recently transferred by the Dept. of Navy to Canberra, will add his considerable experience to the new club's repertoire; Barclay was for many years member of the ASF executive from Victoria, chairman of the Victorian Metropolitan League and also Australian national team manager on various overseas tours.

The playing strength of the Diplomats will have to be improved.

Still, they already have arguably the most talented player in Australia, Sebastian Giampaolo and sharpshooter Walter Valeri as well as Bourke, Crawford and Noble from Inter Monaro as well as Chris Vankula, Mike Tuilawa and John Wate from Juventus to form the nucleus of a team.

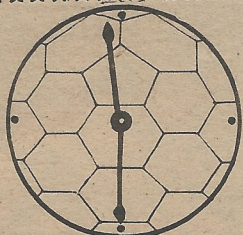
The strong opposition of Canberra City officials to the admission of the Diplomats to the PSL is based on their fear that two clubs may stretch the public resources too wide.

Canberra City have been reported to lobby keenly with the ASF to block the entry of a second team from the ACT.

However, with the presence of a second team providing keen competition, Canberra City may find that it can safeguard its future the best by meeting the challenge and rising to new heights.

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



ASHCROFT (3rd div) finished the season as champions with a convincing 3-1 win against Artarmon in the replay of the final. Although Artarmon dominated the first half, it was Ashcroft who were the more consistent side throughout the game. The first goal for Ashcroft came after a freekick just outside the penalty area. The ball was flipped about one foot in the air for Blad Knaus to smash a nice volley into the top of the net. Ten minutes later Alan Eadie equalised for Artarmon with a header. The other two goals for Ashcroft came in the second half, one being a header by Blad Knaus and the last goal shot by Brian Deciles after receiving the ball from Steve Bowen from the right wing. Artarmon failed to produce the performance that gave them the 3-3 draw last week, especially in the second half when the side was completely on the defence and showed no signs of a comeback.

The 4th division semi-final replay between North Ryde and Holroyd Rangers resulted in a win for **NORTH RYDE** but only just. The score at full time was 2-2 and no further goals were added in the extra time. The penalty kicks which had to be taken resulted in a 4-3 win for Nth. Ryde, which now have to play Namatjira in the final. Goals for Holroyd Rangers came from Leo Maturana and Julio Nazur and for Nth. Ryde from Terry Frankich and Greg Spice. One penalty goal was scored by each side and Greg Spice missed another penalty.

The 4th division second grade final was convincingly won by **PADSTOW PARK**. Padstow, the undefeated premiers, were head and shoulders above their opponents and the score of 5-1 could easily have been higher. Namatjira who lacked motivation received two penalty kicks from which only one goal was scored. The Padstow goals came from Terry Myers (2) Alan McMahon (2) and Peter Phizacklea.

The 2nd division finals were played last Sunday at Guildford Park. The first grade was played between the premiers **BATHURST '75** and **GLADESVILLE RAVENS** with Bathurst opening the score early in the first half to lead 1-0 at the break. The second half saw Bathurst continue their domination and free-flowing football to lead 2-0 at the 75th minute. The Ravens came back and put everyone into attack and were rewarded with a goal six minutes from the end. The country side had their grip too firmly on the cup and took out the championship with a 2-1 result. In the second grade match, **GLADESVILLE RAVENS** played **GUILDFORD COUNTY** and led 1-0 at half time after scoring early in the first half and having the upper hand in the mid-field. County, with 10 men, after a defender was sent from the field early in the second half, lifted themselves to take control and equalised with a 12 metre shot from forward, Ian Rendulic in the 45th minute. Both teams had opportunities with Guildford capitalising five minutes from the end with Ian Rendulic scoring his second goal. Ravens came back but a fine save by keeper Gerry Duggan gave County the 2nd grade championship trophy. **GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY** played **PORT HACKING** for the 3rd grade trophy in a very even first half as the score of 0-0 showed. After the break Gladesville made two replacements, Paul Warner and Greg Bromley both of whom scored for a 2-0 win for Gladesville. Defender Rod Pitty had a strong safe game with goalkeeper Peter Hill giving a fine display.

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY continued their brilliant run by winning the final of 5th division, their first title since 1971. In a tough, hard contest against premiers Canley Heights, the Uni again showed the determination which had carried them through the second part of the season. Macquarie fans went wild with joy when evergreen striker Ray Northcote ran on to a perfectly placed ball and scored with a great lob. The second half saw both teams suffer from the pressure. Macquarie Uni send their sincere condolences to the family of Fairfield West's treasurer Alex Johnson who died tragically two weeks ago.

The 6th division finals saw **WINSTON HILLS** take out both grades — 2-0 against Chullora in first grade and 3-2 on penalties against Moorebank.

CHULLORA (6th div) will be holding their annual ball on Saturday, September 15 at the Bankstown Town Hall. A party of 25 from the British Cruiser HMS 'Norfolk' will be attending. Chullora's previous match against the team from HMS 'Norfolk' resulted in a 2-2 draw. A further two matches have been arranged for this Thursday at 6pm and 7.30pm at the Soccer Centre. These matches have been recognised officially by the British Navy.

YUGAL v CROATIA 1-1 (1-1)

Yugal snatched a point from lacklustre Croatia at Concord Oval. Croatia never got into their stride and Yugal were surprise leaders when John Morsello, finding himself unmarked from a throw-in, made no mistake right in front of goal. Croatia only looked dangerous when Peter Mullen and Bruno Cagall projected themselves into the attack. It was not until the 40th minute, when Abonyi and Mullen, combined in a set play, that Croatia scored. Mullen almost had the keeper in the back of the net as well with a screaming shot. Croatia were unable to lift their game in the second half. Any shot they got on target was dealt with by yugal goalkeeper Peter Berry, who kept the crowd enthralled with some spectacular saves.

YUGAL: Berry 4, Radovac 4, Tanoski 3, Coton 3, Novakovic 3, Prgomelja 3, Martinez 3, Delaney 3, Morsello 3, Rodas 3, Travini 3.

CROATIA: Watson 4, Basic 3, Mullen 4, Cagall 4, Smith 3, Rezo 3, Vidaic 3, Savor 3, Abonyi 4, M. Kovacic 2, Cootes 3 (Johns 76m).

Goals: 1-0 Morsello (3m), 1-1 Mullen (40m).

Referee: T. Davies. Crowd: 1480.

— E. Morrison.

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CLUB PATROL

Arncliffe's **PAUL CAMPBELL** will be out of action for the remaining two rounds with cracked ribs while **BOBBY OLDHAM**, Arncliffe's stalwart defender, has been forced out of the team with a shoulder injury.

It was good to see Arncliffe's **PETER BUTCHER** back on the field last week after a prolonged lay-off after a car accident. Peter played second grade, while **ALAN BANKHEAD** returned to first grade soccer last weekend.

Inter Monaro officials have been more than pleased with the performances this year of **BOBBY NOBLE**, and feel that his purchase from Wests was the buy of the year.

The Auburn club had a good turn-out last week for the club ball. In attendance were most of the NSW Federation executive, including **KARL RODNY**, **AULDEN BROWN** and **CHARLIE VALENTINE**.

September 25 is an important date in the Arncliffe calendar, as the club's AGM will be held that evening. Secretary Dave Dorian said that all members wishing to stand for election must notify the club in writing, and should give him a ring beforehand to get final details. Dave's phone number is 771-4843.

Inter Monaro's coach **FRANK MACCARONE** celebrated his birthday last Wednesday, and all the club supporters and officials wish him many happy returns.

Inter Monaro's reserve goalie **NICK ANTONOPOULOS** had to enter hospital last week

to undergo minor surgery for a small complaint. Nick will be sidelined for the rest of the season, and will probably return as reserve first team goalie in the semi-finals.

An Auburn official said last week that although **JOHN MACDONALD** would be hanging up his playing boots, there was a good chance that he would be remaining within the club either in some coaching capacity or in some other area. The club feels that John would be ideal to take over the youth teams to pass on his wealth of knowledge and talent and groom the future Auburn players.

Manly are unlikely to be holding summer coaching clinics this year. As one Manly official put it, the lure of the beaches and the sun is just too strong in the summer, and the boys head for the surf, forsaking soccer boots till at least late January.

Manly's **ROGER MOUTTET** broke his leg the other week and will be in plaster for some months. Roger's loss is a big blow to the club, as he was playing in fine form in recent matches.

Blacktown, with former Socceroo midfielder ace Dave Harding at his very best, are firing brilliantly; they have taken 17 points out of their last nine matches, for the loss of only one.

Even so, it's hard to understand why they don't use Peter Freeman, now fully fit again, in goal.

Monaro's second grader **IAN SHAW** will be out of action for the rest of the season with cartilage trouble.

Young Manly midfielder **STEWART RILEY** is unlikely to play again this year after suffering from glandular fever. He has been advised against resuming training for a while, and will probably miss the remaining matches.

Maroubra Bay High School and the Cranbrook School, both of which have produced some excellent soccer, meet on Sunday at 1.15pm at Wentworth Park in the final of the **LORD MAYOR'S CUP**. The competition was sponsored by Westfield and the final will be the early game to the important Sydney City v Heidelberg PSL clash.

Marrickville Olympic's **JOHN DOYLE** did it the hard way to get to Arlington last Sunday. On holidays, he motored down with his family from his old home town of Newcastle, but lost a wheel at Mt. White. He then hitchhiked for the rest of the trip and played in the team's creditable 1-1 draw with Sutherland.

NSW had a tremendous record in the recent series of Australian championships, winning the under 16, 15, 13 and 12 grades. Victoria took the honors in the under 14s.

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NSW JUNIORS

Under 16 major semifinal at Barton Park:
APIA 6 v Auburn 6-0.

Under 16 final between Belmore and Auburn on Thursday, September 13, at Marconi Stadium, 7.30pm.

On Saturday, September 15, at the Gabbie Stadium, the grand finals will be played.

At 11.30am Under 14s: Bankstown v Marconi.

At 1pm Under 15s: APIA v Blacktown.

At 3pm Under 16s: APIA v winner of Thursday's final.

All the trophies will be presented on Saturday.
— Laurie Grimes.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Ask any Aussie-Greek teenager who his favorite footballer is and chances are he will name Kevin Keegan or George Peponis. It is unlikely that he would choose Peter Raskopoulos or even know who Derek Laing is.

The so-called ethnic clubs are declining because they are losing relevance with their potential supporters.

Hakoah and Budapest have suffered the most because the Jewish and the Hungarian communities have slotted very nicely into middle-class Australia.

The days of packing 18,000 soccer fans into the antique Wentworth Park are over.

The clubs must make decisions on their destinies. They can go on providing a source of pride for their ageing supporters or they can spend money to appeal to a wider audience, project an Australian image and build fine

stadiums.

If the first choice is made, then, like Prague, Yugal and soon Hakoah, they will most likely disappear from top soccer.

This is quite a legitimate choice but let us not kid ourselves that we are going to take soccer into big sport status by doing it.

If the ASF is serious about building soccer into a crassly commercial venture, controlled as Rugby League is by company boardrooms and emerging as a major sport, then it should forget about the hassles involved with changing the outlook of club officials.

It should break away with its Newcastle, Canberra, Blacktown, Wollongong and Parramatta stadium filler-inners and start from scratch.

—Neil Pollock
Stanmore, NSW

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North Blunder

— By Keith Gilmour —

I am sure that Northern NSW took the wrong step when they excluded Newcastle United from the 1980 Northern State League.

The 10 selected clubs are: Adamstown, Belmont, Swansea, Edgworth, Stewarts & Lloyds, Wallsend plus four top liners from the country: Armidale, Coffs Har-

bour, Clarence River (Grafton) and Tamworth.

The reason given for dropping Newcastle was that, as a Phillips League club, too many leading players would want to sign with it.

This, in turn, would cause imbalance in the strength of the teams in the initial year of

operation.

This is all right—up to a point.

But what was not provided for was a bench mark for other clubs to meet.

Newcastle United would use the splendid International Sports Centre on the alternate week to its PSL team's schedule.

The ground has provision for TV coverage which the Northern League seeks anyway.

With the possible exception of Edgworth, none of the other Newcastle clubs are known for having upgraded their management committees to standards of anything like that of "KB."

In this vital area they could have learned a lot from the local PSL club.

There is still time for the Northern NSW Federation to repair the damage.

They could re-open nominations and invite Newcastle and Central Coast to apply.

Central Coast have decided not to make their big move before 1981 and they may have to compromise with their plans.

In the wake of the big Gosford success of Sydney City, they may well see advantage in an urgent re-appraisal.

In any case, for the Northern NSW Federation to spurn Newcastle United is akin to throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

NSW

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE GRADE 1

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| Croatia | 15 | 8 | 1 | 52 | 22 | 38 | 39 |
| Monaro | 12 | 8 | 4 | 52 | 33 | 32 | 32 |
| Blacktown | 12 | 5 | 7 | 42 | 32 | 29 | 31 |
| Melita | 10 | 8 | 6 | 37 | 31 | 28 | 30 |
| Sutherland | 10 | 7 | 7 | 39 | 33 | 27 | 29 |
| Auburn | 11 | 4 | 9 | 40 | 36 | 26 | 26 |
| Avala | 11 | 3 | 11 | 36 | 39 | 25 | 27 |
| Mv. Olympic | 8 | 7 | 9 | 32 | 33 | 23 | 24 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 6 | 10 | 8 | 29 | 36 | 22 | 22 |
| Parramatta | 10 | 1 | 13 | 25 | 40 | 21 | 21 |
| Bankstown | 8 | 4 | 12 | 29 | 29 | 20 | 20 |
| Manly | 5 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 32 | 17 | 19 |
| Arnccliffe | 5 | 5 | 15 | 28 | 45 | 15 | 15 |
| Yugai | 5 | 5 | 14 | 21 | 41 | 15 | 15 |

GRADE 2

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| Sutherland | 19 | 2 | 2 | 70 | 12 | 40 |
| Bankstown | 13 | 4 | 7 | 45 | 27 | 30 |
| Blacktown | 13 | 4 | 7 | 31 | 26 | 30 |
| Croatia | 13 | 3 | 8 | 36 | 27 | 29 |
| Melita | 10 | 7 | 7 | 31 | 22 | 27 |
| Arnccliffe | 9 | 8 | 7 | 29 | 26 | 26 |
| Auburn | 10 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 32 | 26 |
| Manly | 7 | 10 | 7 | 24 | 20 | 24 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 8 | 7 | 8 | 32 | 29 | 23 |
| Parramatta | 8 | 7 | 9 | 28 | 26 | 23 |
| Mv. Olympic | 7 | 7 | 10 | 25 | 39 | 21 |
| Monaro | 6 | 5 | 13 | 25 | 36 | 17 |
| Avala | 7 | 1 | 15 | 25 | 44 | 15 |
| Yugai | — | 4 | 18 | 6 | 67 | 4 |

GRADE 3

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|-------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Sutherland | 17 | 4 | 2 | 57 | 7 | 38 |
| Auburn | 16 | 5 | 2 | 51 | 18 | 37 |
| Manly | 15 | 4 | 4 | 47 | 17 | 34 |
| Bankstown | 13 | 7 | 3 | 33 | 25 | 33 |
| Parramatta | 11 | 6 | 5 | 38 | 26 | 28 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 10 | 6 | 6 | 43 | 19 | 26 |
| Blacktown | 7 | 7 | 6 | 32 | 31 | 21 |
| Arnccliffe | 6 | 4 | 11 | 23 | 33 | 16 |
| Croatia | 6 | 3 | 13 | 27 | 41 | 15 |
| Mv. Olympic | 4 | 5 | 13 | 20 | 52 | 13 |
| Melita | 2 | 6 | 13 | 21 | 45 | 10 |
| Avala | 3 | 4 | 14 | 24 | 61 | 10 |
| Yugai | 2 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 64 | 9 |

FIRST DIVISION

GRADE 1

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| St. George | 19 | 4 | 3 | 75 | 19 | 42 |
| Nth. Sydney | 15 | 7 | 4 | 42 | 24 | 37 |
| Wollongong | 15 | 5 | 5 | 41 | 32 | 35 |
| Sydney City | 16 | 2 | 8 | 57 | 33 | 34 |
| Revesby | 11 | 6 | 8 | 46 | 30 | 28 |
| Polonia | 11 | 6 | 8 | 51 | 44 | 28 |
| Nepean | 12 | 2 | 12 | 54 | 36 | 26 |
| Uni NSW | 10 | 6 | 10 | 44 | 38 | 26 |
| Marconi | 10 | 4 | 12 | 41 | 42 | 24 |
| APIA | 9 | 6 | 12 | 37 | 49 | 24 |
| Belmore | 8 | 8 | 10 | 28 | 50 | 24 |
| Warringah | 6 | 6 | 14 | 25 | 48 | 18 |
| Olympic | 6 | 4 | 16 | 28 | 49 | 16 |
| Blacktown | 5 | 5 | 16 | 27 | 66 | 15 |
| Queens Park | 3 | 5 | 17 | 23 | 60 | 11 |

GRADE 2

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| St. George | 16 | 5 | 4 | 69 | 25 | 37 |
| Marconi | 16 | 4 | 4 | 53 | 21 | 36 |
| Belmore | 13 | 8 | 9 | 43 | 27 | 34 |
| Revesby | 15 | 4 | 7 | 46 | 39 | 34 |
| Wollongong | 14 | 4 | 8 | 56 | 48 | 32 |
| APIA | 11 | 9 | 6 | 35 | 33 | 31 |
| Sydney City | 13 | 4 | 8 | 39 | 25 | 30 |
| Nth. Sydney | 13 | 3 | 10 | 42 | 32 | 29 |
| Nepean | 10 | 7 | 10 | 50 | 47 | 27 |
| Uni NSW | 10 | 5 | 11 | 45 | 40 | 25 |
| Blacktown | 7 | 5 | 14 | 30 | 52 | 19 |
| Olympic | 6 | 4 | 16 | 21 | 37 | 16 |
| Polonia | 5 | 5 | 14 | 28 | 43 | 15 |
| Warringah | 4 | 3 | 19 | 25 | 71 | 11 |
| Queens Park | 3 | 2 | 20 | 22 | 63 | 8 |

GRADE 3

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|-------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Olympic | 21 | 4 | 1 | 83 | 19 | 46 |
| Marconi | 19 | 3 | 2 | 58 | 21 | 41 |
| St. George | 19 | 2 | 4 | 98 | 15 | 40 |
| Revesby | 18 | 3 | 5 | 53 | 27 | 39 |
| APIA | 16 | 6 | 4 | 58 | 18 | 38 |
| Nepean | 15 | 4 | 8 | 59 | 42 | 34 |
| Belmore | 12 | 5 | 9 | 56 | 43 | 29 |
| Wollongong | 10 | 3 | 13 | 38 | 52 | 23 |
| Nth. Sydney | 8 | 6 | 12 | 35 | 43 | 22 |
| Sydney City | 6 | 9 | 10 | 32 | 37 | 21 |
| Blacktown | 4 | 6 | 16 | 28 | 62 | 14 |
| Warringah | 6 | 1 | 19 | 21 | 63 | 13 |
| Queens Park | 5 | 2 | 18 | 26 | 70 | 12 |
| Polonia | 3 | 2 | 22 | 18 | 64 | 8 |
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Wollongong will apply

Wollongong, Australia's biggest city outside the Phillips League apart from the distant Perth, will submit a formal application into the League office shortly.

Speaking on behalf of the provisional board, James McCormack said this week:

"It will take soccer a miracle to start us off in the PSL in 1980 but we think we can make that miracle happen."

"There is no doubt that we have assembled the most impressive group of sports administrators ever gathered together on the South Coast."

"We see no advantage in waiting for yet another long

year; today's problems would still exist a year later."

Wollongong have built their management on a community-wide basis.

The Illawarra district has a population of almost 300,000.

Some 220,000 of them are in the Wollongong-Shellharbour-Kiama triangle.

An estimated 70,000 of the population is of European and South American origin.

Casey de Bruin, Illawarra director of coaching, says that the enthusiasm of the public and players will rival that of Newcastle United.

"We have many thousands of juniors and the Illawarra Premier League and Illawarra Association are amongst the best competitions in NSW," he said.

The club would recruit top local players, draw on McCormack's excellent Scottish contacts and build up from the rest of the Australian "market."

In past years South Coast produced some of Australia's best—Ted Drain, Jimmy Cunningham, Bobby Bignall and Bobby Young are just a few names.

At times, the Coast drew some of Australia's best soccer crowds.

Among the present board members are John Elliott, managing director of Harrigan Ford and chartered accountant Graham Mathews.

George Ackaoui is known statewide as the Bank of New South Wales migrant adviser.

He is also honorary consul for France and a founder of the Illawarra Ethnic Council.

Others involved are WIN-4 television director Alan Hoy, Richard Drake, city librarian and Greg Best, director of the South Coast Sports and Recreation Council.

McCormack himself is a well known Wollongong real estate agent and former secretary of the Southern NSW Soccer Federation.

Adelaide

— From Vic Migliaccio —

E.D. Azzurri's end of season dance will be held at the Shandon Hotel, Seaton on Saturday, September 22. Miss Sport 1979 will be crowned during the evening. For tickets contact Luigi Photo Studio, 305 Payneham Road, Royston Park, Phone: 42-6062.

A two-door Escort supplied by Jarvis Ford valued at \$5,650 is the first prize in the Adelaide City (Juventus) annual lottery. Tickets are \$1 each and are available from the club or any of the five entrants for the Miss Juventus Quest. The winner of Miss Juventus and of the lottery will be announced at a function at the clubroom on November 24. Miss Juventus will win a return trip to Italy donated by Alitalia.

Cumberland United will receive a \$56,000 grant from the State Government to carry out improvements at their Bailly Reserve Headquarters.

Two great goals by Port Adelaide striker Dick Patrino against Azzurri won the second division champions the Federation Cup at Hindmarsh last Saturday. This Saturday league champions Beograd will meet third placed Azzurri in the Coca-Cola top four play-off.

Romano Rossi (striker, Azzurri) and Brett Tolman (defender, Para Hills) gained selection in the U/16 Australian Squad to visit Singapore for the Lion Cup in December. Paolo — oops, sorry — Romano Rossi's parents will give a barbecue at their home in honour of the two boys later this month.

West Adelaide manager, Tom Forde, through his solicitor has appealed against the fine imposed by the PSL disciplinary last week. "On my instruction my solicitor started to work on the matter last Thursday," says Forde.

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Smalltalk

From time to time I have the most irreverent notion that soccer is far too important and complex to be left to coaches. By this I don't mean to belittle all members of this noble profession, merely question the capability and intelligence of some of them in our midst — or even outside of it.

Last week, in a lower NSW division, a team was preparing for the final at a suburban Sydney ground.

And as the keyed-up players were changing into their gear, the coach had a brainwave. He produced a letter from an eminent coaching official in which he had given his personal and, one presumes, discreet evaluation of all 11 players from the match the week before.

Unbelievable as it sounds, the coach then read the letter to his players, one by one hearing just what this prominent authority had thought of their skills and talents.

Much of it was depressing reading, probably not meant for the players ears anyway. And certainly not before the final.

The team which had played reasonably the week before then went out on the field and, armed with this 'uplift', proceeded to give a totally wretched and demoralised display, losing without a murmur.

Marvellous psychology, predictable outcome.

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I feel that all the mad speculation about the identity of relegated teams is a waste of time.

I am pretty certain that none of the 14 present PSL teams will be dropped after the 1979 season, regardless of the final order on the table.

It's much likelier that two new clubs will be admitted, bringing the field to 16 teams in 1980.

Which, of course, doesn't solve the acute problems of centres such as Sydney and Melbourne.

We all know—the ASF, the PSL, the press and the public—that Sydney cannot sustain five Phillips League clubs, not even four or three.

Two would seem to be the maximum and one the ideal. But how do you reduce the field? Which of the five will volunteer to step down, as did Western Suburbs and Mooroolbark?

Only the most radical measures could alleviate this problem but the PSL is not known to be a radical organisation.

All five clubs should be scrubbed out and two entirely new entities created. Not based on any of the five existing clubs; not having a predominantly Italian, Greek or any other character but neutral flavor and no direct involvement with the present clubs.

Frankly, Sydney could afford to have only one PSL match every weekend, not two or three.

But this is most unlikely to happen: club directors and committees rather suffer absolute financial agonies and acute embarrassments for years than to rationalise their participation.

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But even such a drastic move might not lift soccer to the heights in Sydney we have been dreaming about: the competition of Rugby League is and will always remain far too strong.

So the sensible thing would be to avoid a head-on clash with RL.

If soccer was to swallow its pride and really wanted to get the crowds, it should simply change seasons.

We will not seriously threaten RL in Sydney or Aussie Rules in Melbourne and Adelaide, no matter how many teams we have in the PSL, how many times we find new and alluring names for them and how we change their uniforms.

So we should have our PSL season when Rugby League and Rules have an off-season.

In our climate it would be quite possible to start the PSL championship in September and finish it in March or April, thus completely avoiding an opposition which, like it or not, appears unbeatable.

To go one step further, we should play all matches Wednesdays and Fridays and in the evenings.

To a rapidly increasing degree, weekends offer far too many rival attractions to spectator sport; our leisure-oriented society also places heavy emphasis on joint family outings at the weekends.

Soccer just cannot compete with that—and soon the other codes will face the same dilemma.

As for the evenings, even Sydney now has enough venues for night matches.

In September or in April it's not any colder in the evening in any Australian city than it is on a winter afternoon in Liverpool, Hamburg or Amsterdam.

— A. Dettre

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| STH.MELB. 1(0) | SYDNEY CITY 1(0) | FOOTSCRAY 1(0) | ST.GEORGE 0 | MARCONI 1(1) | ADEL.CITY 2(1) | BRISBANE LIONS 0 |

Goal: 0-1 Baxter (72m,penalty).
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Tymczyszyn 4, Pantaras 3, McCulloch 3 (Batchelor 61m), Kambas 4, Jones 4, Boyle 4, Dooley 3 (Zervas 61m), Kosmina 3, Honeyman 4, McGregor 4. Coach: T. Forde.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Boland 4, Kalafatis 4, Pye 4, Christopoulos 4, Baxter 4, Lutton 5, Ristovski 4, Evans 4, Scarlett 3 (Carr 87m), Kakantonis 3, Wright 4. Coach: J. Margaritis.

Referee: R. Lorenc (NSW); Crowd: 3100; Cautions: Kalafatis, Evans.

It was inevitable that the blue and whites would win this game since both teams played in their regulation colors. The color clash confused even the most ardent Westad supporters who were more mystified when the teams swapped roles in the second half.

In the first term, Westad took the game by the scruff of the neck as they unleashed all their renowned aggression without managing to find the net. It seemed only a matter of time before Westad would score a barrage of goals, but South staged the greatest reversal of the season when they took almost complete charge in the second half.

With the ugly spectre of relegation as their spur, South snatched both points when Stuart Baxter converted a penalty 18 minutes from fulltime. Polished Sydney referee, Richard Lorenc got no arguments from the Westad players or the crowd when he pointed to the penalty spot after Con Kambas halted Mendo Ristovski's run into the box with a tackle from behind.

Bert Lutton and Sammy Wright were principally responsible for South's revival, along with Ristovski, who after being well contained by Nick Pantaras in the first half, bewildered the youngster with his wing wizardry in the second half.

Westad, on the basis on its scoring chances, should have had the game in the bag in the first 32 minutes, but instead they stretched their goalless habit at Hindmarsh further.

The record now shows that Westad have failed to score in their last three home games of the season and that this was South's first win over West in three seasons of PSL competition.

— A. Crisp.

• St. Georges Raoul Blanco: "We are very fortunate that our last two matches, Newcastle and Sydney Olympic, will be played on our own ground. It will be a great achievement if we can avoid relegation."

Goal: Silva (47m).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 4, Rowden 4 (Jamieson 59m), Bell 4, Wilson 4, Cross 4, Laing 3 (Ainslie 80m), Raskopoulos 3, Scott 3, Eaton 3, Jennings 3. Coach: J. Xipolitis.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, Mullen 4, Kershaw 5, O'Connor 3, Bruce 4, Stevenson 3, Watson 4, Barnes 4, Trenter 4, Souness 3, Silva 4. — Coach: J. Chaldi.

Referee: J. Reeves (Newcastle); Crowd: 2649; Cautions: Trenter.

The teams produced a keen, entertaining contest, in which the dominant figures were the Slickers' Alan Kershaw and Hilton Silva. Kershaw has had 11 matches in the first team after being a regular reserve and transfer-listed.

His work in the back, particularly his use of both feet in well-placed clearances, was first class.

It was left to the previously ever so disappointing Hilton Silva to produce his near best form, and wrap up the result in the 47th minute.

He capitalised on some shoddy defensive work out on Olympic's left to fire in a low shot that Gary Meier could not hold.

Silva knocked the rebound into the Olympic net with Ken Wilson making an unsuccessful effort to scoop it out.

Olympic, hardly ever bringing their full-backs forward, were after a point if they could not get two, although in the event they were not quite good enough to get either.

They produced 70 minutes of good football, and indeed in the eighth minute Laing might have scored, and 11 minutes later Scott went close after a great dummy by Raskopoulos and a good centre from Laing.

Although Rowden quietened Mullen's runs, City left back Bruce was no slouch up the left wing.

After Silva's goal John Xipolitis tried two team changes, but the pressure was right on Meier in Olympic's goal, and he certainly did not let his side down.

It is pertinent to note that Olympic's team has an average age of 23. What a difference a couple of playmakers and a continually scoring striker would make to that bunch!

— K. Gilmour.

• "This year I appealed to Mark Samuels not to put in for a transfer. He has not received much first team experience, but his patience I believe will be rewarded. I first saw him in the Tasman Cup so I knew his capabilities all along. He is maturing and should have a great future with the club," said APIA coach Ray Richards.

Goals: 1-0 Campbell (34m), 2-0 Low (58m), 2-1 Kondarios (84m).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Perry 4, Potter 3, Ratcliffe 3, Wilkinson 3, Coyne 3, Pimblett 3, Gaffney 4 (Echeverria 66m), Brusasco 2 (Kelso 46m), Campbell 4, Low 4. Coach: N. Saftich.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 3, Ristic 3, O'Reilly 3, Kondarios 4, Ilioski 3, Jovanovic 3, Ollerton 3, Picioane 4, Palinkas 4, Belic 2 (Vasic 46m), Lujic 3. Coach: B. McLachlan.

Referee: B. Mee (ACT); Crowd: 2560; Cautions: Wilkinson, Jovanovic.

Brisbane City did not start well in this match. They threw men forward willy-nilly in an attempt to get an early goal and the plan just didn't work as huge gaps appeared in the defence, gaps that would have been exploited but for some shocking finishing by Footscray, and Belic, in particular.

Young Brusasco and Campbell were too similar in style and the big Irishman was being forced wide away from his usually dangerous target man role.

However, a nice piece of play between Gaffney and Low saw the little winger finally cross a wicked ball to the far post where Campbell was on hand to head home.

Kelso came on at half-time and suddenly it was a different City.

With two flank runners and a big centre forward chance after chance was created by the City midfield but once again we witnessed some terrible finishing.

Coyne took a corner, Campbell headed down to Low who pivoted and rifled a shot past Potter for a long overdue goal.

Then, inexplicably, Gaffney was replaced and Footscray roared back into the game.

Kondarios and Ilioski were moved forward and the big centre half finally got a touch to an Ollerton free to open Footscray's account.

In the dying minutes Vasic missed an open goal, a chance in a lifetime, maybe a missed chance that could have serious repercussions.

— J. Binnie.

• Nereo Saftich, Brisbane City: "We were much too kind today. We should have destroyed Footscray but if five players can stand in front of goal and not put the ball in the net, what can we expect?"

• The Queensland Federation has secured sponsorship for a new venture they are to try in the summer months. They are going to stage a huge indoor five-a-side tournament in conjunction with Stadiums Limited. The venue will be Brisbane's Festival Hall, for long the home of boxing in the city.

Goal: Drews (44m).
APIA: Woodhouse 5, Skellern 4, Dempsey 3, Wilson 5, Turnbull 4, Stone 4, Butler 3 (Pullen 74m), Rampanti 5, Samuels 3 (Vernon 82m), Drews 4, O'Donnell 4. — Coach: R. Richards.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 5, Harris 2 (Fenoughty 67m), Grosse 3, Utjesenovic 5, R. O'Shea 2, Mihajlovic 3 (Katholos 52m), Gnani 2, J. O'Shea 2, Cotton 3, Hensman 2, O'Connor 4. — Coach: R. Blanco.

Referee: A. Boskovic; Crowd: 3026; Cautions: Skellern, Mihajlovic.

Both teams would have had a legitimate case to complain of bad luck after losing — and this "honor" fell to the Saints.

There were enough clear-cut chances created and either missed or saved, to produce a 6-6 scoreline.

In the first half Hensman, O'Connell and J. O'Shea wasted sitters in the goalmouth; in between Woodhouse brought off two absolute world class saves worthy of a Fillol or Sepp Maier.

Just before half-time APIA's chief schemer, the elegant Rampanti put Skellern through on the wing and his cross was headed home by that speedy, pulsating young talent, Robbie Drews.

Drews had the chance to add two more in the first 15 minutes after resumption but just didn't have the nerve and experience.

Then it was the Saints' turn: Wilson, then Skellern saved on their line and an angry, desperate Utjesenovic piledriver zooming towards the upper left corner was somehow fingertipped over the bar by the amazing Woodhouse.

In the last five minutes, with St. George throwing everything into attack, APIA had three more opportunities but Dempsey, Drews and Vernon missed or had their pointblank shots saved by Fraser.

If the Saints want to find a scapegoat for their defeat, they should begin the search in their midfield which, apart from very brief flare-ups, was ponderous and uncreative.

Clearly, if they want to improve their depressing position on the table, for the remaining two matches they must pep up their midfield, adding more speed and dash to it.

Young Drews showed a lot of promise but for my money, it was Rampanti's brain and precision which, coupled with Stone's bursts, secured them the vital midfield.

Possibly a draw would have been a more expressive result of the 90 minutes but APIA were not unworthy of the two points.

— A. Dettre.

Goals: 1-0 Curran (23m), 1-1 Jankovics (25m), 2-1 Curran (55m).

NEWCASTLE: Dando 3, Willis 4, Drinkwater 4, Sneddon 4, Curran 5, Senkalski 3, Cowburn 4, Tredinnick 4, Heys 4, Boden 4, McClelland 4 (Mason 77m). Coach: A. Vest.

MARCONI: Maher 3, Brogan 3, Russell 4, Prskalo 4, Degney 3, Byrne 4, Vieri 3 (Mariani 66m), Lindsay 3, Krncevic 4, Jankovics 3, Sharpe 3. Coach: L. Schienflug.

Referee: D. Miles (Queensland); Crowd: 12,448; Cautions: Degney, Russell.

In typical fashion, former Australian World Cup fullback Colin Curran rose to the "Big Match" occasion with a remarkable display of attacking soccer.

Curran snared both of Newcastle's goals to keep clear United's unbeaten record against Marconi at the Sports Centre.

Though Curran stood out with a superlative all-round performance, Newcastle's win was a complete team victory.

Constant pressure on the Marconi players, even their defenders, totally snuffed out their attempts at smooth, unhurried build ups.

Strikers Krncevic and Jankovics showed some neat touches but rarely troubled Newcastle goalkeeper Dando, apart from a Jankovics neat header which gave Marconi an equalising goal in the 25th minute.

Curran had steered Newcastle two minutes earlier when he and Drinkwater slipped through a flatfooted defence which stood appealing for offside.

It was Curran again who fired Newcastle into a winning lead in the 55th minute taking a partial clearance on the half volley to see his blistering drive deflected past keeper Maher.

Newcastle fully deserved their win because of their fighting display.

Marconi might have been slightly relaxed, feeling that the title was already theirs.

However, as it turns out, they are still not quite home and hosed.

Mathematically speaking — they can be overhauled, if they lose their last two matches and if Heidelberg wins their two with a bonus point — possible but not very likely.

— M. Hay.

• Every effort will be made by Newcastle to ensure that evergreen Col Curran does not stick to his promise to retire at the end of the season. His workrate and infectious enthusiasm is at times an object lesson to players several years his junior.

• Ipswich City won the Queensland Ampol Cup when they stopped the rampaging Grange Thistle by two goals to one.

Goals: 0-1 Villani (10m), 0-2 Villani (63m).

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 3, Moulis 4, Milovanovic 3, Brown 3, Stark 3, Byrne 4, Cant 3 (Kawalewa 53m), Davies 3, Farrell 3, McLaren 3, Lustica 3. — Coach: V. Fernandez.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 5, Russell 3, Dods 3, B. Nyskohus 3, Perin 3, Northcote 3, Muniz 3 (Melta 55m), Kent 4, Villani 4, Marocchi 4, J. Nyskohus 5. — Coach: R. Rasic.

Referee: S. Mellings; Crowd: 2314; Cautions: Davies.

Two goals by teenage striker Charlie Villani, one in each half, enabled Adelaide City to coast to victory.

Canberra once again started off confidently, only to find themselves down 0-1 in the 10th minute, after a major defensive blunder.

John Brown aimed to deliver a pass to Danny Moulis but it landed with John Nyskohus who squared it to Villani who had little problem with it.

Canberra found itself under sustained pressure mainly from Kent and Nyskohus who probed, mainly on the wings, a nervous home defence.

The Canberra attacks were limited; MacLaren and Lustica toiled earnestly but the lack of any breadth in the forward line and the tendency to play the ball to tightly marked men instead of using open spaces further restricted their opportunities.

In the second half Canberra pressed forward valiantly but their finishing was very poor.

John Davies floated a great ball into the goalmouth but it was allowed to sail off harmlessly, with no fellow player within range.

The second goal came when Lustica, deep in defence, hesitated with the ball at his feet and Villani was able to dispossess him and to put the result beyond any doubt.

Adelaide City, largely through Villani, had chances to go further ahead but the chances were missed.

Gary Marocchi made a promising return to the team, after a very long injury and could soon regain his brilliant 1977 form.

It was hard to realise that Adelaide City were without their two key players, Muir and Deans as once again they functioned smoothly and with precision.

— P. Kunz.

• Rasic described young Adelaide City starlet Charlie Villani as a "soccer freak". Said Rasic: "One moment he is standing still, hardly moving — then he explodes and he's off. In Canberra, he could have scored another three goals".

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 3, McMillan 3, Tansey 4, Yzendoorn 4, Bannon 4, Rooney, Taylor 3, Campbell 3, Cole 4, (Bozidak 64m), Paton 4, Buljevic 3. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowdnes 4, Spearrit 3, Bennett 4, Hermiston 5, Hughes 3, Fairbrother 3, Millman 3, Ontong 3, Connor 3, Lavalle 4, Brennan 4. Coach: M. Carsson.

Referee: G. Neal; Crowd: 2300.

The Lions in winter came for the point and, with a fighting display and disciplined defence, earned it too.

They showed early promise through Fairbrother, Brennan and Lavalle but then the game slowed down into a defensive, cautious midfield battle.

After 25 minutes Brennan had a great chance but a splendid save by Banovic saved the day.

Two minutes later Fairbrother hit the crossbar.

Yzendoorn was holding his defence well together and also found time to initiate moves.

After 37 minutes a perfect Campbell cross saw a weak header from Buljevic in the goalmouth.

The first half was most uninspiring from the spectators' point of view.

Lions showed up better in the second half with Brennan their liveliest striker.

Paton had Heidelberg's greatest chance in the 75th minute but he failed to convert a Buljevic pass.

Heidelberg were clearly slightly stale: the pressure of six games in less than three weeks was just too much.

On the other hand, they deserve every praise for a disciplined display against a keen and ambitious Lions.

Many observers felt that the Lions defence was one of the best seen here this year; Hermiston and Bennett formed an impregnable wall.

Jimmy Rooney, after a very hard game on Wednesday night, was a bit quieter than usual but still asserted his steadying influence on his team.

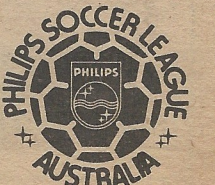
— J. Stephen.

• "In early June we were ninth on the table, and the future looked bleak. The boys put their game together, and we are equal second right now. I don't think the press and the public realise the job our players have done," said veteran Heidelberg coach Manny Poulakakis.

• Eddie Thomson is returning quite steadily with the reserve team. The team at present has come back well and should be in the semi-finals," said Sydney City's Gerry Chaldi.



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TOP PSL SCORERS

JANKOVICS (Marconi).....17
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 SMITH (Sydney City).....10
 BODEN (Newcastle).....9
 BYRNE (Canberra).....9
 COLE (Heidelberg).....9
 SHARNE (Marconi).....9
 BRENNAN (Bris. Lions).....8
 DEANS (Adel. City).....8
 BARNES (Sydney City).....7
 COTTON (St. George).....7
 DRINKWATER (Newcastle).....7
 KENT (Adel. City).....7
 O'CONNOR (St. George).....7
 PATON (Heidelberg).....7
 EATON (Olympic).....7

• 'Hilton' Silva played his best game for a while. I felt that into the second half we would push the ball around here and there, and Olympic's defence, tight in the first half, would open up," said smiling Sydney City coach Gerry Chaldi.

• "If Bill Summerscales can see out the season it will help us no end. He can have his cartilage done next month," said Newcastle assistance manager Frank Campbell. However, Summerscales could not front against Marconi, and his appearances over the remaining games are in doubt.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Raul Blanco, St. George: "The tension was too much for us. The boys just can't relax and their over-anxiety cost us the match."

• Ray Richards, APIA: "We were a bit lucky to win. I'm most unhappy with some of our players whose efforts were pathetic."

• Doug Utjesenovic: "What can I say? At the end of the season I want to retire."

• APIA's Ken Reed will miss the weekend match again because of his two-week suspension while Eric Carruthers is still out with a pinched nerve in his knee.

• Bob MacLachlan, Footscray: "Individually, we were the better team but until we convert this superiority into goals we won't get points. I was surprised at the gaps in City's defence in the first half and felt when Gaffney was substituted they lost the initiative they had gained after the break. Unfortunately, we missed that open goal three minutes from time, the story of my life at the moment."

• Newcastle secretary Paul Trisley: "Our win over Marconi was a superb achievement. We are confident of a Top Four place."

• St. George don't deny that they are bidding for Newcastle's Kenny Boden; even the extremely high transfer fee and the player's reportedly huge salary demands don't frighten off the desperate Saints.

• Another possible transfer for 1980 is APIA's Terry Butler, also to St. George.

• Rale Rasic said in Sydney on Sunday that he would "definitely" stay in Adelaide for 1980 and hasn't even had a serious offer from Sydney clubs.

• Vic Fernandez, Canberra City: "What can we do? We commit all sorts of defensive mistakes and then waste our own golden opportunities."

• Dixie Deans spent the weekend in Sydney, negotiating with APIA. Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic, also in Sydney, said Deans had his club's permission to discuss terms and "would be released for the proper sum."

• Good to see that last year's enemies, Ray Richards and Rale Rasic had a long and friendly chat at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

Brilliant APIA midfielder Rosario Rampanti wins a heading duel with John O'Shea of St. George.



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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Footscray v APIA.....Middle Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Sydney City v Heidelberg Utd.....Wentworth P., 3pm
 Marconi v Syd. Olympic.....Marconi Stadium, 3pm
 St. George v Newcastle.....St. George Stadium, 3pm
 South Melbourne v Brisbane City.....Middle Park, 3pm
 Adelaide City v West Adelaide.....Olympic Field, 2.30pm
 Brisbane Lions v Canberra.....Perry Park, 3pm

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Newcastle v Footscray.....Intern. Sp. Centre, 2.30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Canberra City v. Sydney City.....Bruce, 3pm
 APIA v. South Melbourne.....Wentworth, 3pm.
 Sydney Olympic v. St. George.....St. George Stadium, 3pm.
 Heidelberg v. Marconi.....Olympic Park, 3pm.
 Adelaide City v. Brisbane Lions.....Olympic Field, 2.30pm
 Brisbane City v. West Adelaide.....Perry Park, 3pm

HEIDELBERG 2(1)
 OLYMPIC 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Paton (1m), 1-1 Eaton (75m), 2-1 Yzen-doorn (80m).

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 4, McMillan 3, Yzen-doorn 5, Tansey 4, Bannon 4, Provan 3, Rooney 5, Salamidis 3, Paton 4, Cole 4, Buljevic 3. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 3, Rowden 3 (Jamieson), Bell 4, Wilson 4, Cross 3, Laing 4, Raskopoulos 4, Scott 3, Jennings 3 (Ainslie). Coach: J. Xipolitas.

Referee: C. Bambridge; Crowd: 2400; Caution: Rowden.

Barely a minute after kick-off Heidelberg slipped into an early lead and it all looked so simple.

Bannon started the move and Rooney's final pass found Paton alone to score easily.

The next 35 minutes were pretty dull, with a lot of negative stuff until Bannon worked his way through to unleash a powerful drive which Meier saved for a corner.

Tansey then headed just over the bar seconds before half-time.

The second half was barely nine minutes old when Bell blasted over the bar a penalty awarded when Provan brought down Scott in the 54th minute.

Olympic showed a lot of fight in the second half with Eaton, Raskopoulos, Laing and Bell all applying pressure to a strangely dull Heidelberg.

With 15 minutes to go, Olympic equalised from what appeared to be a glaring offside position.

Five minutes later Buljevic crashed a freekick against the crossbar and Yzen-doorn headed home the rebound for the winner.

— J. Stephen.

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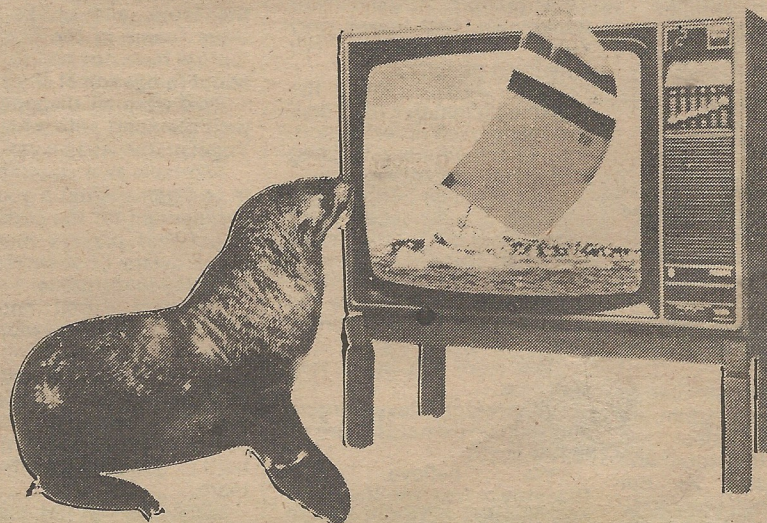
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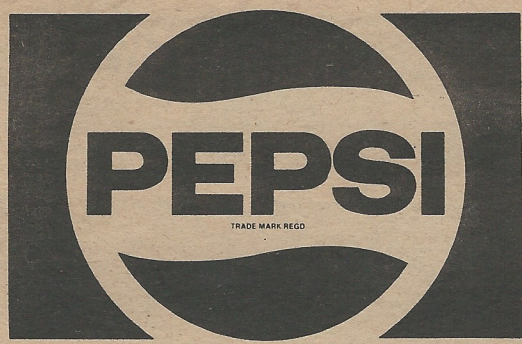
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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT



"I feel that the youth policy must be pursued further next year if we are to get any real progression in the State League," said Arncliffe Scots' Dave Dorian.

"I think that the success of the Australian Under-19 team has been a great boost to the argument for clubs to further the future."

"Our club is no exception to the new youth-orientation."

"In June we decided upon the course we want to take in the future."

"We have employed a full time youth controller, John Davies, to look after our juniors set up."

"He conducts seminars, coaching clinics and other skills courses for both players and coaches alike."

"We aim to increase this commitment next year, and hope to improve the local content of our teams each year."

"Of course, we will always need a few old heads to lead the way, but I feel that with the amount of talent available in Australia there is no real reason why any club should base their first team on imported players any longer," he said.

AUBURN

"Only the greatest of optimists would say that we had a chance of making the semis now," said Auburn's president Ron Bowman.

"We must now look to 1980 to regain our position in the top four State League clubs," he said.

"Our young talent should provide us with a good base for a few years."

"Our third team especially has a plentiful supply of lads who are potential first team material."

"Both Brett Woods and Paul Carter from that team have made the Australian Under-16 side which will be off to Singapore in December."

"Last week I was in Perth, watching the Under-15 National Championships, and I must say it was an eye opener."

"The talent on view would have warmed the heart of any proponent of Australian talent."

"In fact, I was so impressed with a few of the NSW team - which won the tournament - that they will be asked to trial with us during the summer," Ron added.



"It looks like we may just miss out," said a disappointed Avala official last week.

"With only two rounds to go we are now lying in seventh position - it is just incredible how your fortunes can collapse one week after riding so high."

"The maximum number of points we can now attain are 29, and with Blacktown already having that total, and Melita possessing 28, our chances don't look too good."

"I know that the players haven't given up hope."

"They are determined to fight to the bitter end, and will not give up hope till the final

whistle on the final day of the competition."

"The club would most definitely like to see the team up in the top four, but we are very pleased with the showing that the boys have put on this year - and next year we will go one better," he said.



"People talk of making the State League 10 teams, 12 teams, or such, but I think that much more has to be done to it before next year to improve the quality," said Bankstown's Stan Peck.

"I agree that the season is far too long."

"I think that everyone would realise we have progressively stretched out our soccer seasons to cover the entire 12 months."

"This is definitely not justified."

"It is not as if the soccer public was crying out for more soccer."

"In fact, if anything, they have too much soccer."

"What we need is to cut it back a little to make the soccer spectators more appreciative of what they get."

"If you have a man and keep over-feeding him, eventually he will get sick of food."

"Sydney has become far too over-saturated with football."

"What the State League has to do is look to more country centres."

"Inter Monaro has been, in my opinion, an outstanding success and something which should be copied further."

"We should approach other centres such as Orange, Bathurst, Albury, Tamworth, Armidale and so on, and pick out the best three or four applicants to be included in the State League."

"We would have to be careful in that regard because we simply do not have the funds to create a mini-PSL."

"It would have to be very carefully budgeted to allow for extra travel costs and so on, but I think that it would benefit crowds in Sydney and in the country enormously," Stan said.



"We think that third place is ours now," said Blacktown's Bill Parkhouse.

"After our 3-2 win over Bankstown, that leaves only Yugal and Avala as our remaining matches."

"We always find the Bankstown match a hard one, and this proved no exception, with plenty of hard tackling and goalmouth action."

"It was an important win, because it established us in the top four quite firmly at an important stage."

"We left our run very late for the semis, but it looks like it may have been perfectly timed."

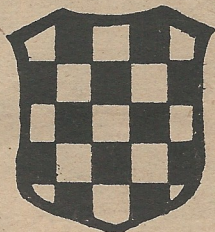
"The team is playing very well now."

"Jimmy Izatt, Dave Harding and Richie Hormazabal are all in fine form."

"We believe that Blacktown has hit the right combination between British and Latin football."

"We have ball skills, artistry and technique, and we also have power, aggression and a good pattern of play."

"Mick Jones has worked the players well into a unit, and has capitalised upon each one's special talents, creating a team which we feel will go a long way in the semis."



"We have to keep on looking to the youngsters for the future of Croatia," said Croatia secretary Peter Lukunic.

"Now we have four young second generation Croatian boys in the team."

"They are really Australo-Croatians, because they were born here of Croatian parents," Peter added.

"They are the people to whom all ethnic clubs must look in the future for players and support."

"These kids come from a background where soccer is 'king' and where they can identify with both cultures."

"Croatia is a club which provides opportunities for Croatian people to gather, to watch good soccer and to talk about what they like."

"The club must continue to provide this for the second, third and fourth generations that will follow."

"We must retain some link with the past, but not completely overwhelm the reality that we are in Australia for good."

"We have started on a juniors program and with three of our first graders having originated from the third grade team, we feel that there is room for expanding that avenue," Peter said.

"As a final note, the club is applying this week for PSL membership, with the application to be personally delivered before the Friday deadline," he added.



"We did fairly well last week, getting three points from a possible four," said a Kuringai official.

"I only wish that we could have run up such a good average of points throughout the season."

"Then we may have been pushing for a top four place."

"As it is, we are now lying comfortably in the middle of the table, and unlike most other teams in the first year 'up' we have not had to worry about relegation at any stage."

"We were all disappointed with the spirit with which the Yugal match was played."

"To have two sendings off in one game is not a good advertisement for the code, and I feel that players must be made aware of their responsibilities to the game."

"Graham Firrell has not had a very lucky season this year."

"He was sidelined for much of the start of the year after recovering from an operation, and found it very hard to get back into the first team."

"Once he did get back he reaffirmed his place as the club's top scorer, but now he will probably miss the last two matches through suspension," he said.



"There has been no formal discussion between either Manly or Ku-ring-gai on the possibility of a joint PSL application," said Manly president George Dick.

"It was suggested that the two clubs - Manly and Ku-ring-gai - should get together on a joint venture to put a team into the PSL."

"It is a tempting proposal, because it would mean that the cost would be borne by two clubs instead of one, and two vast junior areas would be drawn upon as a base."

"However, as with all clubs, we must see whether we can make it alone first."

"At present neither club has a clubhouse, but we intend changing that in the near future."

"We are waiting for approval from the Planning and Environment Commission on whether the rezoning of Cromer Park has been approved."

"Once the club has been built, then hopefully our financial position will improve and then we can look to further developments," George said.

MY OLYMPIC

"A lot of people said that we would give up the fight in the last few rounds," said a Marrickville official.

"They couldn't have been more wrong."

"The performance of the whole team against Sutherland was superb."

"If we could have fought like that all through the season, perhaps matters might have been different."

"Ross Brown's equaliser in the dying minutes was a real knock-out."

"O.K., so we may not be in the top four, but we are not going to let anybody just walk into it in place of us."

"If they deserve a place in the four, then they will have to show it on the field."

"Sutherland don't look as impressive as they did last year."

"They look a tired team, and don't seem to play as a unit any more."

"In patches they can put it together, but their vibrance and freshness has gone."

"All we can say is that this week Croatia are not going to have an easy time," he said.



"Our aim was, and probably still will be, to go for PSL status in 1981," said Melita's president Emmanuel said.

"But at present we are negotiating with a sponsor, and depending upon the outcome of his survey, we may lodge an application for the 1980 season."

"I know that everyone says there are already too many Sydney teams in the PSL but we at least have a proven support upon which we could certainly build."

"The club is a progressive one, and the Maltese community is large enough to support a team."

"Also we have some identity with the local population and I feel that it could be worked on to build up a larger

cross section of support."

"The top four battle is our immediate concern though, and we are determined to keep pushing for a spot."

"The results last week went in our favour, and with the team spirit now back at a good level, I'm sure the boys can pull it off," he said.

"We are in the good position of having no injuries, so that is a welcome relief."

"We will need all our top players for the remaining matches, as we play Avala, Monaro and then Croatia in a really tough run home," he added.



"The Canberra Diplomats are now an entity, but there is still a long way to go before the team is ready to take part in any competition," said Inter Monaro's Wendy York.

"There are a lot of things that have to be looked at, such as playing staff, management, and the coach."

"We have heard that the coach has already been appointed, and that his name is being kept secret for the time being."

"We only hope the choice is a good one."

"Although we don't want to downgrade them, there are quite a few coaches around who have proven that they don't possess what it takes at PSL level."

"If the Diplomats' management has rushed in and signed up the first applicant, it could be a big mistake."

"Also the playing staff must be very carefully chosen."

"The big mistake Canberra City made in the first year was in importing almost a full side, alienating the youngsters for that important initial year."

"The club argued that they needed top players to play PSL - but the results were not all that impressive, and certainly a team of locals couldn't have done much worse."

"The Diplomats must look to players already in Monaro and Juventus for the core of their players and then by all means import a few name players from either inter-state or overseas."

"The club is potentially a bigger drawcard than City, with its Italian base, but we will also go for anybody who is not a City fan - the Diplomats are going to be a multi-ethnic club, be they Italian, Yugoslav, Greek, English or Australian."

"We want them all," Wendy added.

P-MATTA

"This year we have performed above our wildest dreams," said Parramatta coach Bob Wall.

"We started off on our usual foot - in the doldrums."

"There seemed little chance that anything would be different from any other previous year."

"But then the name change came, and with that a whole new impetus in the club."

"The social like received a change with new management, and as a result the team's performances lifted."

"Our standard of soccer has risen markedly this year, to the stage where we have caused some of the upsets of the year - most notably the defeat of Croatia."

"But we are not fooling ourselves, and we know that this is only the foundation."

"Our junior teams will provide a core of good talented lads for the next few years, but there are some positions that need experienced hands."

"I would like to get three players for next year."

"At present we have been having talks with some First Division players who are keen to move up."

"I would like a striker, a midfielder and a reserve goalkeeper to make sure that my back-up team is of a high standard."

"Hopefully, the club's finances will allow these purchases to be made, and if so, then City will definitely be an even stronger force to reckon with in 1980," Bob said.

SUTHERLAND

"We refuse to give up hope of retaining our grand Final Trophy," said a Sutherland official last week.

"Our position doesn't look too good at present, and with only a few matches remaining the battle will be tight."

"Parramatta will be no slouches this week, and I hope that the match is a good one, as we need tough matches in our build up for the semis," he said.

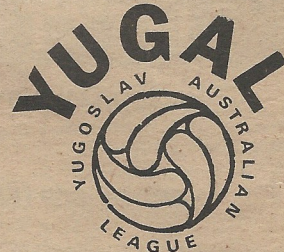
"Last week's match was as tough as we expected, though we had thought we would be able to squeeze through."

"To get only one point from out of two matches is a depressing result at this stage of the season and we expect the players to pull up their socks, roll up their sleeves and get stuck in over the remaining weeks."

"In the past few years we have been among the leaders of the State League, and we would not like that honour to slip from our grasp."

"Melita have a very tough match this week against Monaro, and I feel that the result of this game could markedly help our chances of getting back into the top four."

"Not that we want to rely upon other teams' results - but they all help, and our aim is to make the Grand Final again," he said.



"The draw against Croatia was the best tonic we could have hoped for," said a Yugal official last week.

"We still have a game in hand over Arncliffe, and now that we have caught them on the points table, we are confident that we can overhaul them."

"It was a fine performance from the team last week."

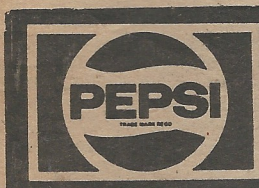
"We were especially pleased with the way the boys played in the second half."

"We expected a Croatia onslaught, but we managed to contain them, and prevent them from playing their normal fluid style."

"Peter Berry in goal was superb."

"He saved at least three certain goals, and his dominance added a bit of confidence to the whole team."

"Sefi Radovacs was also a tower in the defence, and with more displays like this in the remaining weeks, we will certainly avoid the drop," he said.



PEPSI STATE SOCCER

MELITA v AVALA 1-0(0-0)

Melita gave their supporters something to cheer about, when they rose to the occasion and beat their rival for the semis, Avala with one goal scored by defender Richard Yamine, 10 minutes from the end. The match was a battle of wits and skills with flashes of some very entertaining football which certainly received the nod of the crowd. The Eagles, with wingers Terry Jones and Brian Parker at their best, fumbled an array of chances in the first half and could have easily scored up to three goals. Avala, led by Zoran Djuricic and Branko Kodor, were never afraid to come forward, but their efforts were always thwarted by solid defence from

the Melita backline led capably by Vernon Darvill. However, while Avala was never allowed to get close with their shots Melita kept breaking through every so often forcing Peter Ahrens in the Avala goal to pull off some very fine savers. MELITA: Bracklow 3, McDonald 4, Mikas 4, Yamine 4, Hadley 3, Darvill 4, Parker 4 (Farrugia 75m) McAusland 3, Allan 3, Griffiths 3, Jones 4. AVALA: Ahrens 4, Bateman 3, Patterson 4, Barton 4, R. Griffiths 3, Williams 4, Djuricic 4 (A. Griffiths HT), Rnjak 3, Young 3, Kodor 3, Moorecroft 3. Referee: H. Witschge; Crowd: 2175. — C. Spiteri.

MANLY v KU-RING-GAI 0-0

Manly deserved to win this encounter, but the draw they obtained could be sufficient to set them clear of relegation. Both sets of forwards lacked any real strength and chances were few and far between. Manly however, could easily have scored on at least two occasions. Ku-ring-gai received a shock in the early minutes when Jack and Vale pressed forward threateningly and got on top of the opposing defence. After two unlucky minutes, one in which a Jack shot hit the crossbar, Hogg and his team-mates were able to close up the back for their side. Both teams blotted out each

other's defence in the second half, with the attacks lacking in drive and imagination. Ku-ring-gai's only chance came in the 77th minute, when Cassettari was able to pull off a mighty save from Hill's shot. MANLY: Cassettari 4, Wilson 2, Doyle 3, Dick 4, Townsend 4, Stuart 4, Symonds 3, Jack 3, Nawalu 2, Vale 3, Rogers 3 (Wood 73m). KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 4, Birchall 3, Hogg 4, Robertson 3, Chambers 4, Voudsen 3 (Geekie 74m), Beach 4, Hardaker 2, Herron 3, Hill 3, Smith 2. Crowd: 347. — G. Bashford.

AUBURN v PARRAMATTA 1-0(1-0)

This match, in which Auburn edged ahead with one goal, did not produce the standards hoped for by the modest attendance. John McCranor went close early with a header which was well held by Parramatta goalkeeper Ian Barker. Auburn defender Brett Woods 16, burst down the wing in the 26th minute. He centred well, enabling Bruce Tilt to drive home the winner from about 12 metres. Ten minutes later Auburn striker Steve Montgomery might have increased the score, but he shot straight at Barker. It was Graeme Barker who saved one for Parramatta on his own goal line in the 55th minute. Steve

Montgomery was ordered off by referee Boskovic in the 63rd minute after an earlier caution. AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, Cornett 4, Dobson 4, Woods 4, Fairclough 3, McDonald 4, Field 3, Juchniwicz 3, Tilt 3, McCranor 2, Montgomery 1 (sent-off). PARRAMATTA: I. Barker 3, Barron 3, Bigland 4, Lackey 3, O'May 4, Selfridge 4, Morrow 2, G. Barker 3, Link 2, Brizuela 3 (Forwood 86m), Mitchell 3 (Harvey 69m). Goal: 1-0 Tilt (26m). Referee: T. Boskovic; Crowd: 265. — G. Streeter.

MONARO v ARNCLEFFE 2-1(1-0)

Arnccliffe, fighting to escape relegation, dominated the first 15 minutes with Oldham and Tracey testing the Monaro goal which brought off great saves from Palec. Monaro settled down and created a few chances ending in fine shots when Bourke, Valeri and Morsello went close. However, it was not until the 32nd minute that Monaro opened its scoring. Trajanowski fought hard to win the ball in midfield, laid it on for Valeri who ran to the byline and crossed it to a diving Giampaolo for a brilliant header. In the second half Monaro created more chances. However, the score remained the same until 10 minutes from fulltime when a bad clearance found Giampaolo whose flick put Valeri through, coolly

slotting the ball home. With just four minutes to go some slack marking from Monaro saw a consolation goal for Arnccliffe by replacement man Schroeder. Arnccliffe's display on the day proved them to be a better team than their position on the table would indicate. Goals: 1-0 Giampaolo (32m), 2-0 Valeri (80m), 2-1 Schroeder (86m). MONARO: Palec 3, Crawford 3, Charles 3, Noble 4, Santolin 4, Falzon 2, Morsello 4, Bourke 4, Giampaolo 4, Valeri 4, Trajanowski 5 (Heywood 64m). ARNCLEFFE SCOTS: Rogers 4, Martin 3 (Schroeder 63m), Smart 3, Blackburn 4, Hall 1 (sent-off), Perry Oldham 3, Tracey 4, Sidey 3, Marchant 4, Muscovits 3. Referee: V. Celestino; Crowd: 850. — W. York.

SUTHERLAND v BLACKTOWN 0-1(0-0)

Sutherland had sufficient opportunities to wrap up the game before Dave Harding's 55th minute penalty. This again rammed home to the Shire that technical and territorial superiority will not produce points unless they are converted into goals. The pace was furious throughout and Sutherland in particular would have been wise to slow the game down. Blacktown conceded 11 corners in the first half but James was in superb touch in goal and the rest of his defence gave Sutherland little room. Despite their dominance, Sutherland didn't create very many clear-cut chances. Their midfield was without any bite and they rarely exploited the width of the spacious field. Harding had a fine game and his im-

maculate distribution would have had the Sutherland defence in more trouble had his strikers been able to capitalise on it. Full credit to Blacktown for their efforts in defence but less praise for Sutherland's effort, lacking method, cohesion or thought. SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Hesford 3, Wykes 3, B. Smith 3, Schuman 3, Watkiss 3, Hall 2, Meades 2 (Dal Forno 80m), Beggs 3, Basterfield 2, P. Smith 2. BLACKTOWN: James 4, Pena 3, Taylor 3, Pointer 3, Parkhouse 2, Hormazabal 3, Harding 3, Thompson 2, Izatt 3, Fisher 2, Pearson 3. Goal: Harding (55m, pen.) Referee: T. Davies; Crowd: 621. — R. Dewick.

KU-RING-GAI YUGAL 3-0 (3-0)

The scoreline did not reflect the closeness of the match. The true difference between the teams was Kuring-gai's ability to take their chances and a brilliant goalkeeping display by Brian Taylor. Jimmy Herron once again demonstrated his great value as a striker, picking up two fine goals; the first after a 35-metre swerving run when he shook off four defenders before sending a right-foot shot into the net and the second when he converted a great cross from young Peter Seach. Yugal fought back well after being 0-3 down and tested Taylor with some great shots but the experienced goalie, enjoying his second bloom, responded and kept his goal intact. Yugal's task appeared a shade easier when Firrell was sent off after 57 minutes—but then

Yugal's Duarte was also dismissed 11 minutes later, this being his third or fourth expulsion in less than two seasons, surely some sort of a negative record. KURING-GAI: Taylor 5, Birchell 3, Hogg 4, Chambers (Geeky 4, 36m), Voudsen 4, Seach 4 (Hill 83m), Hardaker 3, Herron 4, Firrell 3 (sent off 57m), K. Smith 3. YUGAL: Kostidis (Berry 4, 36m), Duarte 3 (sent off 68m), Novakovic 3, Tanoski 4, Coton 4, Kumar 3, Promelija 4, Rodas 3, Morsello 3, Martinez 4, Karanfilovski 4. Goals: 1-0 Herron (14m), 2-0 Smith (26m), 3-0 Herron (32m). Referee: P. Rampley; Crowd: 126. — A. Henderson.

MV.OLYMPIC v SUTHERLAND 1-1(0-0)

Olympic snatched a 1-1 draw with Sutherland by scoring a last minute goal. Sutherland scored their goal in the 75th minute when a pass by Craig Hall found Peter Beggs in a position to shoot past the keeper. Then in the closing seconds Marrickville were awarded a corner and a perfect centre by Steve Kable found Ross Brown's head and the equaliser resulted. This is a match that Sutherland should have had in its keeping by the interval, but all the good work by Vic Dal Forno, Craig Hall and Steve Meades was wasted when the all-important job of finishing off arrived. The draw put Sutherland out of the semi-final four, and yet op-

ponents Marrickville had an unhappy match. They lost Wignall for a send-off for alleged foul language, and that did not help their cause either. MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 4, G. Brown 4, Doyle 4, Penman 4, Sheldrick 4, Bosganos 1 (Binos 46m 2), Kable 4, Wignall (Sent-off 81m 1), R. Brown 4, Thompson 3, Ramisch 3. SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Hesford 3, Wykes 2 (Murphy 50m), Smith 3, Dal Forno 4, Schumann 3, Hall 4, Meades 4, Beggs 3, Basterfield 4, Harrington 3. Goals: 0-1 Beggs (75m), 1-1 R. Brown (90m). Referee: R. Sandell; Crowd: 428. — E. De Mesquita.

BANKSTOWN v BLACKTOWN 2-3(1-1)

Bankstown's unhappy home record continued. They have only won one game and drawn two at the Soccer Centre - four points out of a tally to date of 20! Twice they hit the front in this match before losing out in the last quarter of an hour. They opened their scoring in the sixth minute when Daley turned in a neat header from Paul Thompson's freekick. City equalised in the 44th minute, Fisher netting from a build up by Harding and Pena. Bankstown were ahead again when Tansley turned Chris Rootsey's cross into a goal. A foul awarded against fullback Thompson resulted in Harding scoring from the spot for Blacktown, and with 13

minutes remaining Harding laid it on for Hormazabal to drive a glorious volley past the goalkeeper. BANKSTOWN: O'Neill 3, Thompson 3, Lynch 4, Beater 4, C. Rootsey 3, Morrison 3, Porter 4, Lee 4, Daley 3, Tansley 2, Peters 2. BLACKTOWN: James 2, Pena 4, Taylor 3, Pointer 2 (Ankudinoff 46m 2), Parkhouse 4, Hormazabal 4, Harding 4, Fisher 3, Izatt 3, Thompson 3, Pearson 2. Goals: 1-0 Daley (6m), 1-1 Fisher (44m), 2-1 Tansley (64m), 2-2 Harding (76m pen.), 2-3 Hormazabal (77m). Referee: G. Power; Crowd: 301. — E. Persen.

Last two rounds cliff-hangers

— By Keith Gilmour —

Blacktown (29 points), Melita (28) and Sutherland (27) - which pair will join Croatia and Monaro in the semi-finals?

Yugal (15 points), Arnccliffe (also 15) or even Manly (17) - which will drop into First Division?

These questions can only be settled over the final two absorbing rounds.

Arnccliffe, along with Auburn, have played an extra game. They meet Yugal in the last round in what could be a relegation decider.

Yugal have to face surprise packet Blacktown City in Sunday's round.

But the big disappointment is Sutherland's fall from grace.

Says coach John Watkiss: "We have failed against the bottom teams."

"Things have been lackadaisical and we must lift our game right now."

Even last week against Marrickville Olympic they should have won by the proverbial mile, but they drew on opposition striker Ross Brown's 90th minute goal.

Over the year Sutherland have lost five matches on penalties, without picking up one such winning goal themselves.

Only one point has materialised from the last three games.

Their remaining matches are against Parramatta (home) and Ku-ring-gai, also

at Seymour Shaw.

Melita capably brushed Avala's challenge aside, but they now have two tough games - Monaro and Croatia - both at Garside Park.

Blacktown City still have to play Yugal (home) and Avala (away).

This week Manly need the points more than Bankstown when the pair play at Cromer.

Avala v Ku-ring-gai at Knight Park has no significance at the top or bottom, but Sutherland must win

against Parramatta at Seymour Shaw.

Blacktown are pumping in a lot of long balls, but coach Mick Jones will be looking for much more than that in their vital game against Yugal at the Gabbie.

Melita v Monaro at Garside looks the game of the round, now that Melita have recovered their poise and pride and are looking for a semi-final place again in earnest.

NSW FIRST

— By Charles Spiteri —

Competition leaders St. George regained their top form against Belmore to win convincingly, scoring four times in the first half.

Mark Barton led the revival scoring the first two goals in a spree that produced three goals in a space of five minutes.

However, the surprise of the round was the dropping of a point by North Sydney against Polonia. Norths were in trouble in the first half with Polonia leading with two goals by Andy Budini.

But Norths hit back with two goals from Leyden and Alex Bottalico and only time robbed them of a win.

Sydney City had to battle against Warringah as the game was transferred to a little park in Narrabeen and could only score a late goal by Dickinson to get the two points.

Penrith (ex-Nepean) were behind for most of the game but fought back to get a draw against University. John Kelly who had a top game scored in the first half for the students and Ian Hunter got the equaliser for the home side.

Penrith who will play Wollongong in a deferred game on Wednesday night lost Billy Hood in the game against University, ordered off by the referee.

Greg Byles led his team to another victory this time against Blacktown. Byles got two of three goals, one from a penalty and one from a freekick, the other coming from Ian McGovern.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....0
MARCONI.....2

Goals: Grego, Corry (pen.)
Marconi: Corry, Jones, Sullivan, Nutt, Tomasich, Rae, Grego, Schienflug, Agius, Williams, Antic (Edwards). Coach: L. Nesti.

APIA.....2
WOLLONGONG.....3

Goals: Dawson, Dalton.
APIA: Hoare, Jordan, Laws, Watts, Pappas, Gaitatzis, Dalton, Palmer, Walters, Dawson, Cascone. Coach: R. Ferguson.

NORTH SYDNEY.....2
POLONIA.....2

Goals: Leyden, A. Bottalico; A. Budini (2)
North Sydney: Lilli, Walker, J. Bottalico, Miller, Falchi, Henraty, Richards, Mitchell (Marrionara), Leyden, A. Bottalico, O'Rourke (Matheson). Coach: P. Bottalico.
Polonia: Greenfield, Fitzsimmons, Svigeli, Rylands, Crothers, Pietryk, Sookee (Bradley), McRory, Strzelecki.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Manly v Bankstown.....Cromer Park
Avala v Ku-Ring-Gai.....Knight Park
Sutherland v Parramatta.....Seymour Shaw Park
Croatia v Marrickville Olympic.....Arlington
Blacktown City v Yugal.....Gabbie Stadium
Melita Eagles v Inter Monaro.....Garside Park

FIRST DIVISION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Univ. of NSW v Blacktown.....David Phillips
St. George v Syd. Olympic.....Barton Park
Queens Park v Polonia.....Chopin Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Revesby v APIA.....Milperra Reserve
Wollongong v Belmore.....Berkeley
Marconi v Warringah.....Marconi Stadium
North Sydney Inter v Sydney City.....Guildford
Polonia v Queens Park.....Chopin Park
Nepean.....Bye

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Auburn v Bankstown.....Gabbie Stadium
Monaro v Manly.....Marco Polo
Mv. Olympic v Parramatta.....Arlington
Ku-Ring-Gai v Sutherland.....Seymour Shaw
Yugal v Arnccliffe.....Concord
Melita Eagles v Croatia.....Garside Park
Avala v Blacktown City.....Knight Park

FIRST DIVISION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

North Sydney v Revesby.....Milperra
Syd. Olympic v Nepean.....Cook Park
Warringah v Uni. of NSW.....Boondah Reserve
Wollongong v Queens Park.....Berkeley
St. George v Polonia.....Undecided
Marconi v Sydney City.....Marconi Stadium
Belmore v Blacktown.....Francis Park
APIA.....Bye

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WORLD NEWS



OVERSEAS BRIEFS

River Plate won the Argentinian championship, partly due to the brilliance of its three world champions, Fillol, Luque and Passarella.

Dettmar Cramer, now coaching in Saudi Arabia and recently holidaying in Vienna, told reporters there: "If Helmut Schoen had been able to use Beckenbauer last year in Argentina, West Germany would have won the World Cup again. There are no young players and old players, only good ones and bad ones."

South Korean striker Bum-kun Cha is getting goals galore for Eintracht Frankfurt. Says his admiring coach, Friedel Rausch: "Cha is among the very best strikers in Europe at present. He is exceptionally fast, technically polished and his heading is unmatched in the Bundesliga."

American soccer writers have selected their team of the year—and there isn't one American among them. Probably not even among the writers... This is the selection result: Parkes (Vancouver), Wilson (Chicago), Carlos Alberto (Cosmos), Rijssenbergen (Cosmos), Connell (Tampa Bay), Beckenbauer (Cosmos), Neeskens (Cosmos), Ntsoelengoe (Minnesota), Cruyff (Los Angeles), Francis (Detroit), Chinaglia (Cosmos).

The West German team to meet Argentina this week in Berlin is likely to be: Burdinski; Kaltz, Cullmann, K-H. Foerster, Dietz, Zimmermann, Stielike, H. Mueller; Rummenigge, Fischer. Bonhof, recently recovered from a knee injury, will be in Berlin and may get a run replacing Zimmermann.

Herbert von Karajan, the world famous Austrian composer and conductor, recently told an interviewer that in his youth in Vienna he had played goalkeeper for an amateur team.

The Canadians claim to have their own young Maradona: he is Branko Segota, 18, said to be the most brilliant talent of the country. Segota's family hails from Yugoslavia.

Liam Brady has agreed to stay with Arsenal, despite a tremendous offer from Bayern Munchen. But he is no longer cheap: Brady had demanded and received \$200,000 for resigning with Arsenal. "If, as they said, my value was \$2,000,000, surely I'm worth a small portion of that to Arsenal."

Ferenc Puskas, the former Hungarian and Real Madrid star, may soon visit Budapest for the first time since 1956 when he fled the country. The president of the Hungarian Association, Gyorgy Szepesi told pressmen that he had invited Puskas to Budapest as his own guest.

Two young Hungarians have decided to take French leave. Ujpest goalkeeper Zoltan Toth—son of Gyorgy Toth who in the 1940s was Hungary's No. 1 goalie—stayed in Spain after his team had played in the Cadiz international tournament while Ferencvaros winger Magyar sought political refuge in Belgium after a friendly match there with his team. Magyar has already signed a two-year contract with Grazer AK in Austria.

AEK's Greek international star Mavros, whose absence from the recent Australian tour was roundly criticised, didn't stay home because of his alleged commitments with the national team. Mavros has withdrawn from the Greek squad altogether because he wants to leave Greece and play abroad, probably in West Germany.

Konstantin Beskov, the twice dismissed manager of the USSR national team, may be appointed for a third term, following his great successes with his present club, Spartak Moscow.

London's SUN newspaper has offered \$200,000 to any club which will score 100 goals this season in the English first division.

Rodney Marsh, who will retire within the next few weeks, is the first player in NASL history to be granted a testimonial match. His club, Tampa Bay will play Florida neighbours Fort Lauderdale on September 14 and the organisers expect a crowd of 40,000. Next term Marsh is likely to turn to coaching and Philadelphia is his likely new club.

After months of hassle, Brazilian ace Dirceu had his wish granted: his Mexican club, America, agreed to sell him and soon he will start playing for Corinthians of Sao Paulo.

Argentinian star Diego Maradona has one major weakness: he likes to argue with referees. So far this season he has been sent off three times. Says Maradona: "Many of the refs want to make a big name for themselves by throwing me out of a match. Still, I must learn to keep my mouth shut more tightly."

Gianni Rivera, the recently retired brilliant AC Milan star, said in an interview that the two best foreign players in Italy in his time had been Dino Sani and Altafini, both Brazilians.

Giacomini, AC Milan's new manager, has told the players that he wanted more aggression from them this season. "You must go into battle every week for the club," he said.



ARGENTINA TRIUMPHS

— From Y. Naganuma —

Argentina won the 1979 FIFA World Youth soccer tournament for the Coca-Cola Cup by defeating the Soviet Union, the defending champions, 3-1 in the final before 52,000 spectators at Tokyo's national stadium.

Both teams engaged in a hard fought match which was a fitting climax to the first junior version of the world cup played in Asia.

The Soviets concentrated their defense against Argentina's midfielder Diego Maradona and striker Ramon Diaz and the first half ended in a scoreless tie.

In the 38th minute, Maradona went close with a left foot drive.

Argentina unleashed a strong attack soon after resumption of play in the second half and had the ball almost continuously in Soviet territory.

The Soviets put up a stonewall defense and kept the Argentinians from scoring.

The Soviets, however, electrified the spectators when they broke through and Igor Ponomarev scored with a header after 51 minutes.

Argentina continued their scoring threat which resulted in a penalty for them. Fullback Hugo Alves converted in the 67th minute to tie the score.

Argentina continued to put pressure on the Soviets. Diaz dribbled through the defense and scored in a goal from the left flank in the 70th minute to give Argentina a 2-1 lead.

It was Diaz' eighth goal in the tournament and secured his winning of the "golden shoe" award for the best scorer.

Maradona, who had thrilled the spectators with his fast dribbling and passing, clinched victory for Argentina by smashing a long freekick in after 75 minutes to make it 3-1.

In the midst of thunderous cheers from the near capacity crowd, the coveted Coca-Cola Cup was handed to Diego Maradona, captain of the Argentine team by Dr. Joao Havelange, president of FIFA.

Maradona was awarded the "Golden Ball" trophy with 175 points as the most valuable player in the tournament in a poll by sports writers and tournament officials.

The "Silver Ball" and "Bronze Ball" trophies went to Julio Romero of Paraguay with 110 points and Argentina's Diaz respectively, with 64 points.

Uruguay finished third in the tournament by defeating Poland 5-3 in a penalty kick contest which followed their draw in the regulation halves and extra time periods.

In the English off-season clubs have spent a staggering \$34 million on transfer fees. The most expensive deals involved Wilkins (Chelsea to Manchester United), Barnes (Manchester City to West Bromwich), Hartford (Manchester City to Nottingham), Gerry Francis (Queens Park to Crystal Palace) and Currie (Leeds to Queens Park). For second division players Robinson (Preston to Manchester City) and Flanagan (Charlton to Crystal Palace) their new bosses have paid out \$1,500,500. And that's real inflation for you: two years ago Hamburg signed Kevin Keegan from Liverpool for only \$1,000,000.

One of the all-time greats of Brazilian soccer, Garrincha is in a Rio hospital in pitiful condition. In recent years Garrincha's luck ran out. After he had left his wife and eight children for a cabaret singer, he was still in the big money league. But all his business ventures went broke and when he was penniless, the singer-lover found the tune sour and departed. For a while Garrincha worked as a waiter in a coffeehouse—then took up hard drinking. Last year a TV station wanted to help him and arranged a special program on his career but Garrincha turned up at the studio dead drunk. Now his former club, Botafogo has decided to keep him in hospital until he recovers fully and they also pay all his bills in the meantime.

Brian Greenhoff has transferred from Manchester United to Leeds United for the sum of \$750,000.

Bayern Munchen coach Paul Csernai recently dropped his newly signed international star Dieter Hoeness. "I couldn't do anything else, as Janzon is playing exceptionally well," he said. When asked to comment, Dieter's brother, Uli Hoeness clammed up. "I'm only the manager, not the coach," he said.

Hamburg star Kevin Keegan had to miss his team's match against Bayern Munchen because of injury. Earlier Keegan spent some six weeks battling to get fit following a muscle injury.

Czechoslovakia's team manager, Joe Venglos is likely to recall Bobby Pollak, 32, into the national side for the match against Hungary on September 12. The former playmaker of ZTS Kosice and Dukla Banska Bystrica, is now playing for Sparta Prague and probably better than ever.

AC Milan have bought a new Pullman coach for their team to travel to away games. It is equipped with kitchen, rest room, showers and massage bench—and cost the club a cool \$200,000.

Gerd Muller back in Munich—well, almost. The former West German sharpshooter will return to Munich in the middle of this month, after the end of the US season for a four-week vacation. While there, he will train with—1860 Munchen, Bayern's great local rivals. "I have nothing more to do with Bayern," Mueller told reporters.

Argentina will play West Germany in Berlin on September 12 and organisers expect at least 40,000 empty seats in the giant Olympiastadion (where Australia played Chile in 1974).

How is that for a gesture: Borussia Dortmund of West Germany decided to adopt a whole Vietnamese refugee family—father, mother and six children aged 9 to 20.

Brazil's national goalie Leao is keen to join Cosmos. "There is no way anybody can earn really top money here in Brazil," he says. "Even in Argentina, which in economic terms is on par with us, players can make about \$100,000 or more a year. Fillol received \$600,000 from River Plate for a new three-year contract. In Brazil nobody earns that in twice that time. So if Cosmos want me, I'll go."

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